

The United Benefice

of Chichester St Paul and Westhampnett St Peter

ST PAUL'S PARISH CHURCH

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An Eco-congregation and Fair Trade Parish



Week of 22nd January 2012 – 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

8.00 am Holy Eucharist

8.20 am Breakfast Taizé Eucharist at St Paul's

9.00 am Morning Prayer

10.00 am The PARISH EUCHARIST

Fr John Richardson presides and preaches.

John Ashwin assists.

5.00 pm – 6.00 pm SOX Youth Club years 4 – 6

5.30 pm Evening Prayer



**6.00 pm ANNUAL JOINT SERVICE in the Cathedral
in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

Choral Evensong at St Peter's, Westhampnett has been **postponed** due to sickness in the choir. A new date will be arranged shortly.

EVERY DAY in St Paul's – 9.00 am Morning Prayer – 5.30 pm Evening Prayer

- Mon 23rd 10.00 am CHERUBS** in the Parish Centre. Play and activities for pre-school children with parents/carers.
- Tue 24th 8.00 am Holy Eucharist**
- Wed 25th Ladies Group Lunch** at Manor Nurseries. Those who have booked meet at 12 noon for 12.15pm.
- Thu 26th 10.00 am Holy Eucharist**
- Sat 28th 12.45 pm Lunchtime organ recital** by Sam Martin and Andrew Creswick. Free entry with retiring collection.
- 7.00 pm Gala Concert** by 5 local children's choirs (see page 3 for details)

**NEXT SUNDAY 29th January 2012 – PATRONAL FESTIVAL of the
CONVERSION of St PAUL – 4th Sunday of Epiphany**

8.00 am Holy Eucharist

9.00 am Morning Prayer

10.00 am THE PARISH EUCHARIST

Readings: Jeremiah 1. 4-10, Acts 9. 1-22, Matthew 19. 27-end

5.30 Evening Prayer

TODAY – THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

10.00 am – THE PARISH EUCHARIST

with Sunday School for youngsters (4–13+) and Crèche for younger children

Introit	37	<i>Angel voices ever singing round thy throne of light</i>
Gradual	447	<i>May the mind of Christ my Saviour</i>
Offertory	609	<i>Songs of thankfulness and praise</i>
Communion	82	<i>Bread of heaven, on thee we feed</i>
Post Communion	472	<i>Now let us from this table rise</i>

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading **Genesis 14.17-20**

Today's readings are linked by the idea of the great banquet of the Messiah's kingdom in heaven. Here, the legendary priest-king Melchizedek acts to seal God's covenant with Abram in an offering of bread and wine, accompanied by a blessing.

Second Reading **Revelation 19.6-10**

This vision is of the joy in heaven when all evil shall be defeated. It picks up an ancient image of faithful people as God's bride, called now to join the vast crowd at the wedding banquet of celebration.

Gospel Reading **John 2.1-11**

In the Gospel of John, the miracles of Jesus are signs - of who he is and therefore what God is like. The first sign occurs at a wedding banquet, where among his family and friends Jesus made extravagant quantities of water into the finest wine. The ordinary becomes the extraordinary.

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

After the Parish Eucharist today and every Sunday:

The Ministry of Healing (*prayer, laying on of hands, anointing in the Lady Chapel at the front right of the Church*) is available for all who desire it.

New at St Paul's? Please introduce yourself, collect a Welcome Leaflet (details of regular groups and meetings). If you wish, fill in a yellow card with your details.

Breakfast Taize Eucharist is held on the 2nd and 4th Sundays with a tea time equivalent on the 3rd Sunday each month. It is a short Holy Communion Service with families and children in mind.

The Christian Unity Week Service – as part of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Christians from churches within the city and district of Chichester will be coming to the Cathedral for a united service at **6.00pm TODAY**. The theme is **“Partners in Mission”** and the service will be celebrating and praying for seven of the vibrant ecumenical projects that are in place around the city. There will be an opportunity to hear more about the work of Christians against Poverty, Christian Youth Enterprises, City Angels, Options, Life Centre and New Frontiers.

Patronal Festival – We will be celebrating our Patronal Festival on **Sunday 29th January**, in the octave of the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul. The Bishop of Chichester will be presiding and preaching at the Parish Eucharist. As the Bishop is retiring at the end of April, this will be an opportunity for us to say farewell to him.

Saturday 28th January at 12.45pm Lunchtime Organ Recital given by our two organ scholars, Samuel Martin and Andrew Creswick. Free entry. Retiring collection towards organ scholarship.

In the evening, there will be a **Gala Concert** at **7pm** in which 5 local children’s choirs will be presenting their own programmes and joining together for a work commissioned for the festival. Tickets: £8 adults, £5 children. Profits to Chestnut Tree House Hospice, available from the Parish Office or Chris Larley ☎ 528318

Cathedral: Tuesday 24th January – Lunchtime concert at **1.10pm** with Peter Stevens (organ).

Sunday School. A big thank you to all of you who help to run Sunday School, particularly while we do not have a youth worker to coordinate it. In consultation with Sunday School helpers before Christmas, we decided that once a month (usually the third Sunday) we would not run Sunday School but would all worship together in church. This allows helpers to worship and also helps our children to become familiar with the service.

Life Centre is a Christian charity providing counselling for survivors of rape and sexual abuse. We are looking to train men and women who would like to serve on our Help-lines in either Worthing or Chichester. The commitment, once trained, will be three sessions per month (this includes a supervision evening for your support), on a voluntary basis. We will offer full training, so volunteers do not need to have any previous counselling qualifications – simply an ability to offer support through listening without judging. It is a 75-hour training course, starting after Easter 2012.

If you are interested in applying, or would like further information, please email sarah@lifecentre.uk.com or phone the Life Centre office for an application form (☎ 786349), giving your name and contact details.

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St Peter's Church, Westhampnett
'Christmas to Candlemas' Friday 3rd
February at 7.30pm. Beautiful choral music with the Chichester Consort. Directed by Richard Barnes. Tickets £8, available on the door.

ROX Youth Club will next meet on **Sunday 5th February** to go bowling. Places must be booked in advance – please contact Rev Ann by 23rd Jan. The cost will be £5 but we can help with this – we want you all to come! Even if you don't want to come bowling but are in ROX, please let Ann have your e mail address and an e mail address for one of your parents asap, as we are updating our contact list.

Esther Ross There will be a **Memorial Service** for Esther at St Paul's on **Tuesday 7th February at 12.30pm**, followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre.

Chestnut Tree House are holding a Jumble Sale at St Paul's on **Saturday 25th February** commencing at **10.00am**. Any jumble welcome during that week to be left in the office or contact Margaret Phillips on ☎ 527961.

Opportunities for Silent Prayer

2nd Monday of each month, 11am-12noon, at St Paul's. Contact: Peter Kane.

3rd Thursday of each month, 7.30pm, at 110 Parklands Road. Contact: Rae Moyise - 537947 (please phone to check first).

4th Monday of each month, 3.30pm, George Bell House, Canons Lane. Contact: Deacon Brenda Waters - 782595.

AWAY (All Women and You) – Happy New Year! Please see poster at back of the church for new events for 2012. New and old friends always welcome.

Parish Freecycle

High backed armchair in good condition. Contact Margaret Hughes – tel 790660, e-mail: mahughes@btinternet.com

Green Rover Metro, L registration, one family owner, about 50,000 miles, always stabled indoors! In good order, but needs about £250 of seat belt welding plus one tyre for MOT pass; and would be improved by spending about £70 on suspension. Contact Fr Richard and Jo tel 01225 938529 or by e-mail: richard@hunts.fsnet.co.uk

Photographs are still wanted – If you have any photographs of the church, new or old, please e-mail them to Joe Marchant at jwf_marchant@live.co.uk.

Used Postage Stamps Olive Kendrick is still collecting stamps for the British Kidney Patients Association. Please leave the serrated edges on.

Stonepillow – after the death of two Stonepillow clients on the A27 in December a petition is being raised to request Chichester District Council to improve pedestrian safety on the road. The petition can be signed online at www.thepetitionsite.com/1/Road-safety-awareness-campaign/, at St Joseph's or the Old Glassworks.

Appointment of Rector. The process of appointing a new Rector for the benefice is well under way. The PCC has approved the Parish Profile and appointed the four benefice church wardens as our representatives in the selection process. Please pray for all involved in the appointment.